

FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

June 24, 2014

MINUTES

The June 24, 2014 meeting of the Frederick County Human Relations Commission met in the 3rd floor conference room at Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by HRC Chair Angela Spencer, an invitation to recite the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

II. The following members were present at the meeting: Angela Spencer, Tonya Amedon, Jack Thomas, David Kaye, Melissa Meath, Annette Breiling, Lisa Clark, Oladimeji Ibraheem, Irene Packer-Halsey, Georgia Anne McCauley, Francisco Alves and Pat Rosensteel, CSD Director.

The following members were absent: Felicia Turner, Adeyemi Adeoye, Kavonte Duckett and Mari Lee.

The following members of the public were present at the meeting: Anastasia Rosen-Jones and Linda Young.

III. The May 27, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved with two corrections. Page 3, spelling correction (Bourne) and Page 5 (bullet point 2 was amended to correct a single sentence to two sentences). The motion was made to accept with the changes was made by Irene Packer-Halsey and the second by Annette Breiling.

IV. Comments from the public

Anastasia Rosen-Jones said she was inspired by the Awards Banquet and would like to support HRC. She believes we are leading examples of people who are genuinely walking the walk of just community action. Her organization, the New Horizons Support Network, Inc., is presently conducting a five year study on attitudes and activities related to civic involvement, the Possible Human, Possible Society Study. The goal of the study is to find out to what extent various individuals and groups are consistent in doing what they say they most value that will enhance our society. She will send further information on the study to Miles Ward for him to disseminate among our group members.

V. Officers Reports

a) **Executive Committee**

The Executive committee met June 11th; discussions included: the agenda, appointments for service on committees and election nominations.

b) **Treasurer's Report**

Jack Thomas reported that the current available balance is \$1,365.19

c) **NAC Updates** David Kaye stated that there was nothing to report except that the FPD could be facing a challenge with school being out and youth not having enough to do. It is possible there could be an increase in vandalism.

d) **Community Awareness**

Pangea Festival – planning for 2015 – The next meeting will be August 4, 2014 at 5:30pm. It will be held at the AACF Office, 1080 West Patrick Street, Suite 16, Frederick, MD. The main sponsor for the event is the Golden Mile Alliance Group.

e) **HRC Elections**

HRC Elections – The following slate of candidates was presented by the Nominating Committee.

Chair – Angela Spencer

Vice Chair – Tonya Amedon

Treasurer - Mari Lee

Parliamentarian - David Kaye and Georgia Anne McCauley

Member at Large – Melissa Meath

A secret ballot vote was taken and David Kay was selected as the Parliamentarian; the slate was unanimously approved with a motion from Tonya Amedon and a second from Lisa Clark.

VI. Committee Reports

a) **Community Relations Committee**

Naturalization Ceremony Tuscarora High School - October 4, 2014. The date will need to be reconsidered as it is a holiday. Linganore or Oakdale are possibilities. Pat will check with Kathleen to see who the contacts are and how one of those locations can be secured for the 11th of October if we get confirmation that we cannot use Tuscarora.

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 5, 2014 – several locations TBA - once the locations are announced members will be asked to sign up to participate at one of them.

b) **Government Relations Committee**

Legislative Updates - no updates

Legislative Luncheon - Tonya and Melissa will set up a meeting to start working on details for the luncheon.

The Commission for Women is having a meeting June 25, 2014 at 7pm at Winchester Hall to begin discussions about bringing education to Frederick County regarding Human Trafficking.

Georgia Anne McCauley gave a very informative report on 287G. All states do not participate and Frederick County is the only county in Maryland that participates. There was a lot of discussion surrounding the topic. The possibility of inviting both someone

from the Sheriff's office to speak on the subject as well as someone from the Immigration Coalition in order to hear both sides of the issue was brought to the table.

c) Internal Relations Committee

Fair Housing 2014/Fair Housing Commission/Frederick County Association of Realtors/HRC Joint effort – David Kaye is in communication with FCAR and other partners.

The IRC met June 17. The committee will focus on creating liaisons between students at the local colleges and the HRC.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the "Redskins" and to what extent the HRC should become involved in the issue.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. HRD Director's Report

Miles reported that it has been a busy week at the HRD, with 4 new complaints being investigated.

Ongoing trainings for Fire Department Employees regarding anti -harassment are being conducted.

X. Announcements

Events

- **3rd Annual Frederick Pride** – Saturday, June 28, 2014 Carroll Creek Park -noon to 6 pm
- **FCAC Carver Community Block Party** – Saturday, June 28, 2014
- **Fourth of July** – July 4, 2014 (Friday) – in Baker Park, with entertainment, food and many activities. From noon until dusk, followed by fireworks.
- **National Night Out** – August 5, 2014 (Tuesday). This event is sponsored by the Frederick Police Department. The HRC will have tables at several locations.
- **In the Street** - September 13, 2014 (Saturday) – downtown Frederick, from 11 am until 5 pm. HRC will have a table.
- **March on Frederick** - September 26 (Friday) – A tribute to the historic March on Washington in August 1963, the march will begin at Harry Grove Stadium, include stops at several historic landmarks, and end at Alumnae Hall at Hood College.

Member Comments

Tonya Amedon – This was another great meeting and it was nice to have a quorum. I am looking forward to another great year.

Lisa Clark - Reported that she ran into some Frederick residents while working and spoke to them regarding current events.

Georgia Anne McCauley – Thanked everyone for their support and would like to attend a GRC meeting soon.

Fransico Alves – reported that he always learns something at the meetings he is happy to be in attendance and looks forward to the meetings.

Oladimeji Ibraheem - enjoys the meetings each month and enjoys being with everyone.

Annette Breiling - reported on 2 upcoming events: Picnic for Peace and a play called the Mercy Killers.

Irene Packer-Halsey – she appreciates conversations and the family atmosphere. Her husband's tribe the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe was a host to President Obama and her grandchildren had the honor to dance for him when he visited.

Melissa Meath - she looks forward to the meetings and the perspectives at the table.

Pat Rosensteel - she was pleased to have the opportunity to attend the meeting this month. She announced that the county budgets were approved. As she learns more about the new charter government and how they will interact with the commissions she will pass the information along.

David Kaye - Reported that this is a great group of people; he likes this group and is looking forward to next year.

Angela Spencer - Reported that at the CRC meeting there was discussion about having Mr. Alves welcome the audience in several languages and that Miles would be asked to sing a patriotic song. She also thanked Pat Rosensteel for inviting her to speak at Zonta International at an event honoring students, her presentation was titled: "That Girl is on Fire".

XI. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.